

Application Serial No. 09/759,314
Amendment dated January 7, 2004
Reply to Office Action dated September 11, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In order to provide antecedent basis within the specification, the subject matter of Claims 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 14, 15 and 16 has been inserted into the specification as a new paragraph [0010.1].

Claim 3 has been amended to provide antecedent basis, and the second thickness range in Claim 5 has been deleted and presented in a separate dependent claim.

Claim 1 has been cancelled and the subject matter thereof incorporated into allowable dependent Claims 3-9. Furthermore, the language of independent Claims 3-9 makes it clear that the claim is directed to the structural component itself for the treatment of glass.

A new set of Claims 21-35 has been added specifically claiming the structural component in combination with a glass melt. It is submitted that Claim 21 is not anticipated by Barnoach '562, which fails to disclose the combination of a glass melt.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are further issues that remain unresolved, it is requested the Examiner telephone the undersigned at 260-460-1692.

Respectfully submitted,

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